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THE INFLUENCE OF THE HISTORY PROGRAM is beginning to bear fruit in the form of published books detailing the many-faceted Forest Service history. As we near the Centennial Anniversary--August 15, 1976, we can expect more books to come forth, chronicling a distinguished record of trailblazing achievements that can be matched by few Federal agencies. One of them is: THE QUIET REVOLUTION by historian Dr. Donald N. Baldwin, and published by PRUETT PRESS, Boulder, Colorado. This is a step-by-step documentation of the pioneering work done by Arthur H. Carhart, in establishing the de facto wilderness concept at Trappers Lake, Colorado, in 1919, and later on the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, Superior National Forest. Carhart may have been instrumental in getting Aldo Leopold interested in wilderness, but this is conjecture, since Leopold left no record of his having gone to Denver, and having had a day-long conversation with Carhart.

The Quiet Revolution is an eminently readable book--one that should be read by all Rangers and Supervisors and accessible to all Forest Service offices.

Presided over by Henry Clepper, the autograph party was held at the Washington Hilton, March 20. Those sharing the head table and making formal remarks included Carhart; Joe Penfold; Roy Crockett, President of the Izaak Walton League; former Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman; former Chief Edward P. Cliff; and Chief John R. McGuire.

Freeman shared the honors of signing the book with Carhart, Mr. Freeman autographing the introduction.

Chief John R. McGuire said, "Arthur Carhart, we honor you today for the key role you played more than half a century ago in shaping the wilderness concept on the National Forests. And, in turn, you honor us with your presence here."

"Finally, today," Carhart said, "I feel as if I have accomplished something in life."

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A brother and sister of the author (who died last fall) attended the ceremony, and told us more about him. Historian Baldwin has made a genuine contribution to Forest Service history in The Quiet Revolution, a contribution for which we are all indebted to him.

MEN WHO MATCHED THE MOUNTAINS, a history of the Southwestern Region, is the first Regional history to be published in a handsome hardback book. Congratulations to Regional Forester William D. Hurst; veteran I&E man of R-3, Morgan Smith; and all of those who played a part in getting this history written and published. Special praise for this work goes to Edwin A. Tucker, with a 32-year Forest Service career behind him--the man who compiled that enormous volume of material to preserve, as he said, "the story of the men who made the Forest Service what it is today," and to George Fitzpatrick, veteran editor of the New Mexico magazine. All have combined their talents and drive to make a history of the Southwestern Region that all of us can take great pride in!

Bi-Centennial Commission to Become an Administration. The House Judiciary Subcommittee No. 2 recently conducted hearings on H.R. 3695 (a bill which would, in effect, replace the present 50-member Bicentennial Commission with an Administration, consisting of an administrator and staff).

The Forest Service's Centennial coincides with the Nation's Bicentennial, as you know. We have not begun yet, but the History Office will be taking steps to get Bicentennial approval for some planned and scheduled events for Forest Service commemoration, if that appears appropriate. If not, the Forest Service must soon begin planning for its own Centennial events during 1976. If field offices are planning such events, please send information regarding them to us, so that a coordinated Service-wide Centennial year can be properly planned.

The Organization of American Historians (OAH) held its annual convention in Chicago, April 11-14, at which Cliff Owsley served as chairman of the session on the History of the American Environment. Two most interesting papers were presented: Wilderness and the Counterculture by Dr. Roderick Nash, Associate Professor of History and Environmental Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara; and The Supreme Court and the Environment in the Age of Exploitation by Dr. Lawrence B. Lee, California State University, San Jose. Dr. Wilmon Droze, Associate Professor of History and Government, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas, presented the comments on both papers.

Dr. Droze is currently working on Afforestation in the Great Plains (Shelterbelt plantings) for the Forest Service.

One of Dr. Nash's eight books, Wilderness and the American Mind, was acclaimed as one of the 50 best books published in the United States in 1967, and has already become something of a classic in its field. Dr. Lawrence Lee's paper

contained references to "Pinchotism," but gave considerable credit to Pinchot's "propaganda machine," as well as "the very able Government lawyers" who had argued and won the several conservation cases before the Supereme Court.

Owsley called the group's attention to the published books on Forest Service history (and showed them) The Quiet Revolution, and Men Who Matched the Mountains, the history of the Southwestern Region. He also called attention to the fact (documented in the Baldwin book) that the Forest Service had not only originated and nurtured the Wilderness concept, but that 15,000,000 acres of National Forest land now comprised the bulk of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

50th Year North Central Station. The North Central Forest Experiment Station has issued a 16-page illustrated booklet to mark its 50th Anniversary. Each decade is reviewed briefly. The Station was founded in 1923 at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul, as the Lake States Station. It merged with the Central States Station in 1965, changing its name at that time and increasing its scope by adding Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri.

Ohio and Kentucky were added to the Northeastern Station. Raphael Zon, the Forest Service's pioneer researcher, was its first director. He was followed by Elwood Demmon, M. B. Dickerman, David King (who retired last year), and now John Ohman. To celebrate the occasion of the Golden Anniversary, the Station held a banquet on April 10, in New Brighton. The past three directors were guests. Dean Frank Kaufert, College of Forestry, University of Minnesota, spoke on "A Half Century of Research, Growth and Cooperation."

1680 History Directive. We have experienced some delay in getting the directive processed here, but it is on its way to you. When it does reach you, we realize that, with a new program such as the History program, the directive probably will have to be undergoing revision before we finally get a workable list of instructions. But we feel that the important thing is to begin with something--some guidance for field offices--and count on perfecting it as we go along. So when FSM 1680 does reach you, please examine it and send suggestions for changes to the WO History Office, so that they may be considered for possible subsequent revisions.

To History Coordinators: Your history files may, of course, contain much more material, but some basic papers that should be in history files (both field units and WO Divisions) would be the following:

1. A brief history of the Division or unit,
2. The 1680 History Directive,
3. A brief history of the Forest Service (copies of this are being sent to you along with any magazine articles that have been published from the WO).

These papers are not only useful for historical purposes, but often are needed in any current I&E program.

FAMOUS FOREST SERVICE FIRSTS. This will be the title of either a magazine article or booklet, or both, to be illustrated with paintings by a talented artist. Here is the list of "Firsts" we are considering now. If you know of better ones, or have good information substantiating these, please send it in or contact the History Office:

1. Early record keeping, the introduction of vertical files, and subject classification of correspondence that served as a model for other Federal Departments and Agencies.

2. The development of the Wilderness concept (1919).

3. The first Public Information Program in Government.

4. The first aerial forest fire patrol over California by Forest Service in cooperation with the Army Air Service (1919).

5. The first Government PR campaign using an animal symbol (Smokey Bear).

6. The bulldozer.

7. The famed Pulaski fire tool.

8. Smokejumpers to combat forest fires, along with the slotted or Derry parachute, and Army Paratroops of WWII coming to Smokejumpers for initial training.

9. The first use of radio by a civilian agency of Government. (On this we need more details, and are gathering them.)

10. Pioneered in wood research, including development of cold soda pulping process (FPL) and many other significant developments.

The History of the Pacific Northwest Experiment Station is being gathered and put together by Bob Cowlin, former Director, now retired. WO History Office is sending some source material he requested. If others know of source material that may be useful, please send it to him in care of Dr. Robert Buckman, Director, PNW Station.

The Beginning of Forest Conservation in Puerto Rico, a brief manuscript, has been received from L. W. Hill, Project Leader, Environmental Tropical Forestry, on the Caribbean National Forest. (Actually it was received some time ago; we simply have not been able to acknowledge it before.) It does indeed constitute a fine and welcome contribution to the Forest Service History Program!

It is an account taken from The Development of Forest Land Resources of the Luquillo Mountains of Puerto Rico, a PhD Dissertation, University of Michigan, 1949, by Frank L. Wadsworth, Director, Institute of Tropical Forestry, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico. It is an interesting story and shows that the Caribbean National Forest had its early roots in Spain, and that it has been under Government control since 1839 and a bona fide Forest Reserve since 1876. We shall seek magazine publication of this segment of this interesting Caribbean National Forest. We were privileged to visit this Tropical Rain Forest, last summer, and can attest to the expert guidance and help from Larry Hill, the history coordinator, and Howard Smith, VIS man on the scene there. Mucho Gracias, Larry!

How to order the two Forest Service Historical Books:

The Quiet Revolution, with a list price of $8.95, is available from Pruett Press, Boulder, Colorado 80302, with the following discounts to Forest Service personnel: 1 copy, 20%, $7.16; 2 to 4 copies, 30%, $6.27; 5 copies to 24 copies, 40%, or $5.37; 25 to 99 copies, 42% off; 100 copies or more 44% off list price.

Men Who Matched The Mountains is available at $3.50 at GPO book stores; at $3.85, including postage, if ordered through GPO (Library of Congress catalog No. A-T3, 2:M52.)